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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH ICRC REPS ON TREATMENT OF ARAB  
PRISONERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: JERUSALEM 1753

1. ICRC SENIOR OFFICIALS TOLD SIEVERTS IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION THEY HAD CALLED DE GRUNECK AND DE MURALT BACK PRIMARILY TO REVIEW STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOI ON REVISIONS IN GOI/ICRC AGREEMENT ON VISITS TO DETAINEES. ICRC CONSIDERS THIS AN IMPORTANT AND OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE QUESTION AND WANTS TO BE SURE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI ARE HANDLED AS EXPERTLY AS POSSIBLE. THEIR PRESENT INTENTION IS TO LET DE GRUNECK TAKE THE LEAD IN DISCUSSIONS, WITH POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP BY GENEVA-LEVEL OFFICIALS.

2. ICRC OFFICIALS SAID THAT POLICY REPRESENTED BY DE GRUNECK OF AIMING FOR VISITS WITHIN TEN DAYS REFLECTS THEIR CONSIDERED VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROCEED CAREFULLY, WITHOUT SETTING UNREALISTIC TARGETS, SUCH AS  
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VISITS WITHIN A FEW DAYS OR A WEEK. THEY CONSIDER AGREEMENT REACHED SIX MONTHS AGO A MAJOR ADVANCE OVER ARRANGEMENTS IN PREVIOUS DECADE, AND NOTE IT CONSTITUTES ONE OF THE FEW TIMES EVER THAT A GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO ALLOW ICRC VISITS TO PRISONERS UNDER INTERROGATION OR IN INTERROGATION FACILITIES. THEY OF COURSE SHARE OUR CONCERN ABOUT REPORTED MISTREATMENT OF DETAINEES AND BELIEVE PRO-

CESS IS UNDERWAY UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT, AND WITH MODIFICATIONS THEY HOPE TO REACH, WHICH IS WORKING TOWARDS IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS.  
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